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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, MNUC, SN, UK
SUBJECT: UK/GOS NEGOTIATIONS OVER USE OF NAVAL BASIN BY NPW'S

REF: SINGAPORE 4167

1. DEPUTY UK HIGH COMMISSIONER SMITH INFORMED DCM NOVEMBER 29 THAT HIGH COMMISSION HAD JUST RECEIVED A LETTER ASKING A NUMBER OF CLARIFYING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE UK PROPOSAL COVERING ARRANGEMENTS FOR NPW USE OF THE NAVAL BASIN WHICH HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO GOS IN MI-OCTOBER (SEE REFTEL). SMITH SAID THAT HE WAS MILDLY ENCOURAGED BY THIS INITIAL RESPONSE SINCE LETTER ADDRESSED ONLY TECHNICAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT AND DID NOT RAISE ANY SENSITIVE OR DIFFICULT POLITICAL ISSUES. HOWEVER, HE ADMITTED IT WAS QUITE POSSIBLE GOS HAD WANTED TO CLARIFY THESE TECHNICAL POINTS BEFORE ADDRESSING THE MORE SENSITIVE ISSUES INVOLVED.

2. SMITH ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT DR. HAN
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CHENG FONG, FORMERLY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR MINISTRY

OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO
ANOTHER MINISTRY. DR. HAN HAD BEEN EXCEPTIONALLY
DIFFICULT IN NEGOTIATING THE PREVIOUS SEMBAWANG NUCLEAR
SAFETY SCHEME, AND SMITH WAS HOPEFUL THAT HIS TRANSFER
WOULD MEAN THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE CURRENT UK
PROPOSAL WOULD PROCEED MORE SMOOTHLY. EMBASSY HAS BEEN
ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT DR. HAN HAS BEEN SHIFTED TO THE
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.
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